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STEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS  
OF PROSTACYCLIN DERIVATIVES***

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: